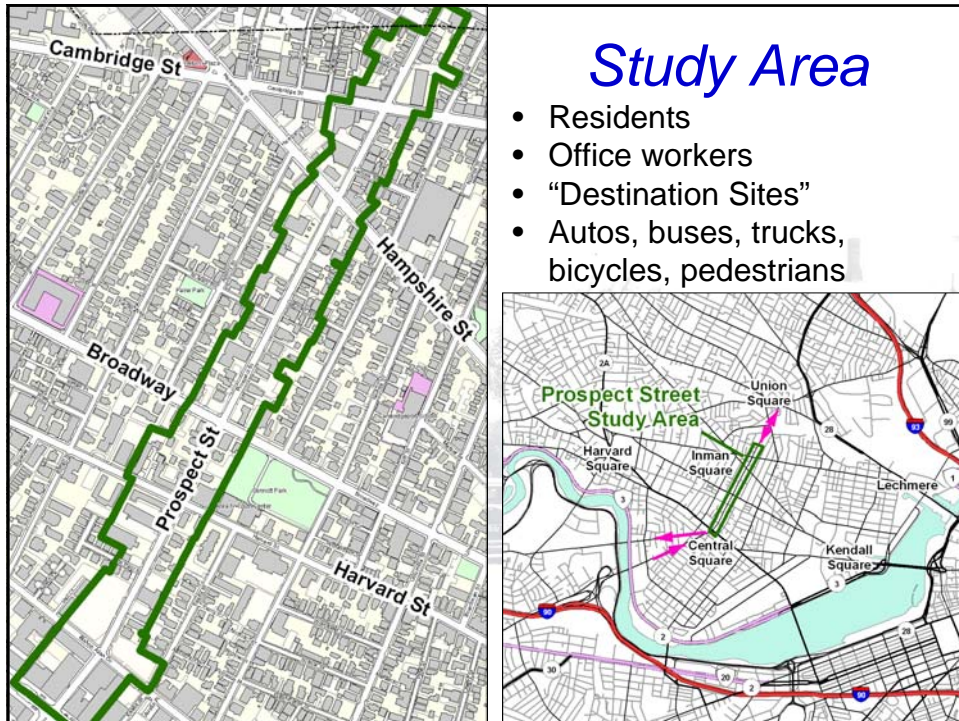


Why Prospect?

- Neighborhood study recommendations
- Detailed area studies following Citywide Rezoning of 2001





Historic Character

- Originally a residential street with mansions
- Buildings of historic note, some on National Register of Historic Places
- Part of Prospect Street is within Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District



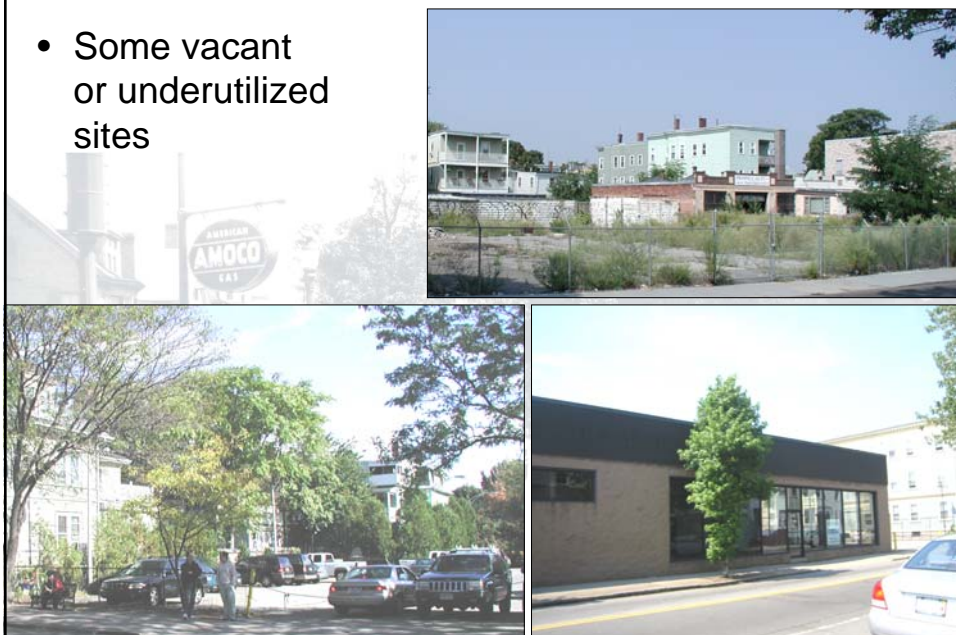
Current Character

- Mix of residential, commercial, institutional uses



Current Character

- Some vacant or underutilized sites



Pedestrian Experience

- Few street trees
- Narrow sidewalks
- Limited landscaping in front yards
- Fences and landscaping need attention



Pedestrian Experience

- Few benches, trash cans
- No buffer between pedestrians and traffic



Pedestrian Experience

- Urban Heat Island Effect
- Frequent, and often large, curb cuts



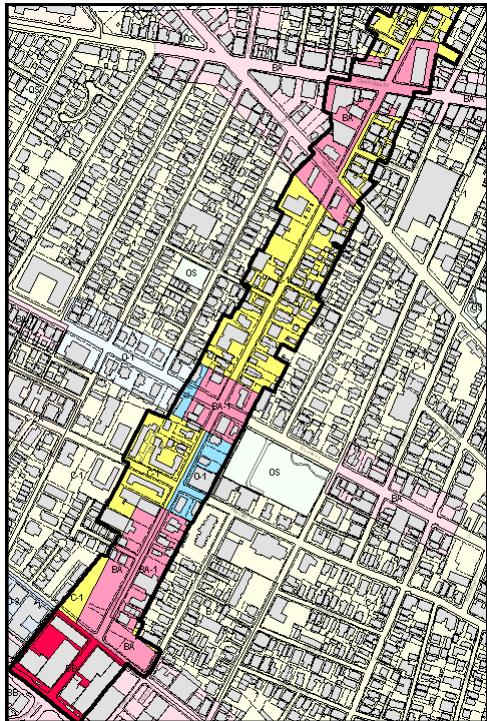
Transportation

- Historically, a major travel route from Central to Union Squares
- Currently, an arterial road with relatively high peak hour traffic volumes



Transportation

- Relatively narrow public right-of-way for an arterial road
 - Narrow sidewalks
 - Limited room for street trees and street furniture
 - Difficult for bicycles
 - Left turns difficult, particularly for buses and trucks
 - Truck deliveries
- Recent signal improvements help traffic flow
- Street repaving planned for 2006



Land Use and Zoning

- Medium density residential district (Residence C-1)
- Mixed-use districts (Business A, Office 1)

Housing

- Much of street zoned for housing
- Some older structures in disrepair
- Traffic poses a design challenge
- Recent residential development enhances street character



Auto-Related Uses

- Long, open curb cuts
- Traffic in and out
- Lack of landscaping



Retail and Restaurants

- Link at Central and Inman Squares
- Enlivens the street
- In-and-out traffic for customers and deliveries
- Neighborhood-serving, pedestrian oriented stores



Group Discussion

- How do you use Prospect Street now?
 - What do you like about the street?
 - What do you not like about it?
 - What do you imagine the street being like in the future?
 - Have you noticed any opportunities for improvement?
- *Please pick the top three issues or opportunities in your group*